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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

**I. General Remarks**

The undersigned acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner in the interview conducted on January 13, 2005. The undersigned further acknowledges the content of the Examiner Interview Summary and further acknowledges the Examiner's assistance and agreement with respect to the Weisshaar et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,916).

Claims 3-9 are all the claims currently pending in the application. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weisshaar (U.S. Patent No.